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X	US 6,267,744 B1 ( ROBERTS et al.) 31 July 2001 (31.07.2001), abstract, figures, column 1, lines 55-65, column 2, lines 10-65, column 3.	1-20

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